

City of Newport Beach
Newport Beach City Arts Commission
Thursday, August 9, 2012 – 5:00pm
Central Library Conference Room

Convened at 5:03pm

1) Call Meeting to Order:

Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order.

2) Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Robert Smith; Christopher Trela; Carole Boller, Arlene Greer, Rita Goldberg.

Commissioners Absent: Gil Lasky, Caroline Logan

Staff Present: Mayor Nancy Gardner; Library Director Cynthia Cowell; Cultural Arts Coordinator Jana Barbier

Public Present: Irina Chelyapov

3) Public Comments: Ms. Chelyapov introduced herself and noted that she had lived in the U.S. for many years, that her children were grown and that she is a painter. Commissioner Smith recommended getting involved with the Newport Beach Arts Foundation. Commissioner Boller recommended enrolling in the NB Art Exhibition and Sale in April.

4) Approval of Minutes:

It was MSP (Greer/Trela) to approve the July 12, 2012 Minutes with the following change: Under 5.B) Items for Review and Possible Action, Election of Officers, Secretary: It was stated that "Arlene Greer was nominated by Gil Lasky." This would change to "Arlene Greer was nominated by Rita Goldberg".

5) Current Business:

A. Consent Calendar

1. Cultural Arts Activities – Staff provided updated report
2. Correspondence and Press – Staff passed around current correspondence and a "draft" Arts Commission Roster for 2012-13

Commissioner Goldberg asked about a press clipping service and asked if anyone was collecting articles on the Arts Commission. Commissioner Trela offered to collect press announcements for the Arts Commission.

B. Items for Review and Possible Action –

1. Subcommittee Assignments – Chairperson Smith passed around a list for commission "subcommittees" and asked if there were any changes. He indicated that the first name is the name of the person chairing each committee. Commissioner Goldberg noted that she was on the Cultural Arts Grant committee, and that Commissioner Greer would

chair that committee. Commissioner Greer requested that another person be on the Arts Foundation Committee.

2. Location/Date for Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale, 2013. Commissioner Boller asked the Commissioners if they were okay with the date (April 13) and location (Oasis Senior Center Multipurpose Room) for this exhibition next year. Staff noted that Oasis was planning an event on 4/12, and that set-up could not take place until after 4pm that day. Commissioners unanimously approved of the date and location.

C. Monthly Reports –

1. Art in Public Spaces/Historical Preservation Committee – Commissioner Smith noted several dates that were provided by Cynthia Cowell for a walk-through of the Civic Center: September 20, September 27 or October 4. Library Director Cowell noted that it may be a violation of the Brown Act for more than 3 commissioners at a time to attend together on this tour. Commissioners disregarded this and decided to go as a group on October 4 at 4:30, meeting in the lobby at 4:20pm.
2. Fine Arts Committee – Commissioner Boller stated that she and commissioner Greer would meet in early September with staff to review artists 'in the queue' for potential 2 and 3-D exhibitions at Central Library.
3. Performing Arts Committee – Commissioner Goldberg noted that she had a family event, and was not able to attend the U.K. Beat Concert. She stated that the Celtic band was excellent.
4. Museum Tours – Commissioner Goldberg mentioned the Cleopatra museum tour coming up on October 2, and asked staff to research and book a Van Gogh exhibit coming to Southern California right away.
5. Arts Foundation Liaison Committee – It was noted that the September 12 NB Arts Foundation meeting had been cancelled in lieu of Carole's party. Commissioner Smith gave another recap of the Art in the Park event.
6. Publicity Committee – Commissioner Trela noted that there was not much to report but that he was appreciative of Shakespeare by the Sea filming/taping opportunities.
7. Budget Committee – Staff noted that a budget report would be provided for the Arts Commissioners. Expenses for Concerts in the Parks and Shakespeare by the Sea would have to be made up from the Cultural Arts Grant account. Commissioner Goldberg asked again about where revenue for the museum tours would go.
8. Cultural Arts Grants Committee – It was noted that the Cultural Arts Grant applications are due on September 28.

6) City Arts Commission Announcements or Matters Which Members Would Like Placed on a Future Agenda for Discussion, Action or Report (Non-Discussion Item) –

Commissioner Smith noted that the Trudy Sopp training for Board and Commission Chairs and Vice Chairs would be taking place at 11am on August 16 at Central Library. Commissioner Smith would be able to attend, but Commissioner Boller would not. Commissioner Greer offered to attend the training with Robert Smith.

Commissioner Trela won a 3rd place award for his restaurant blog. Commissioner Boller would be hosting a wine and cheese party for commissioners on August 30.

7) **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items** – None

8) **Meeting Adjourned 5:55pm – It was MSP (Greer/Trela) to adjourn the meeting**